サクラ姫を守るため、
レムリアン・カンパニーの商館を目指す
グレイとカイたちに新たな試練が迫る!!
第3話 優しさの代償
神呪のネクタール
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Chapter 3: The Price of Kindness

THERE'S A DYEING FACTORY UPSTREAM.
ON ITS WAY DOWN, THE FACTORY'S POISON AND WASTE GETS MIXED WITH SEWER WATER.
AND ENDS UP HERE.
WE'RE LOOKING FOR A GHOUL BY THE NAME OF BURGESS!
BURGESS!
TWITCH

...?!

TOF

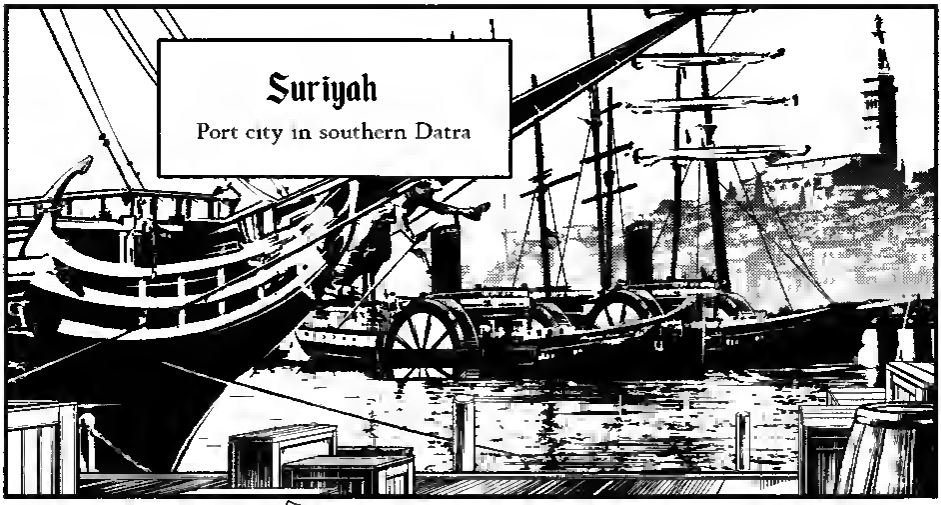
CRUNCH

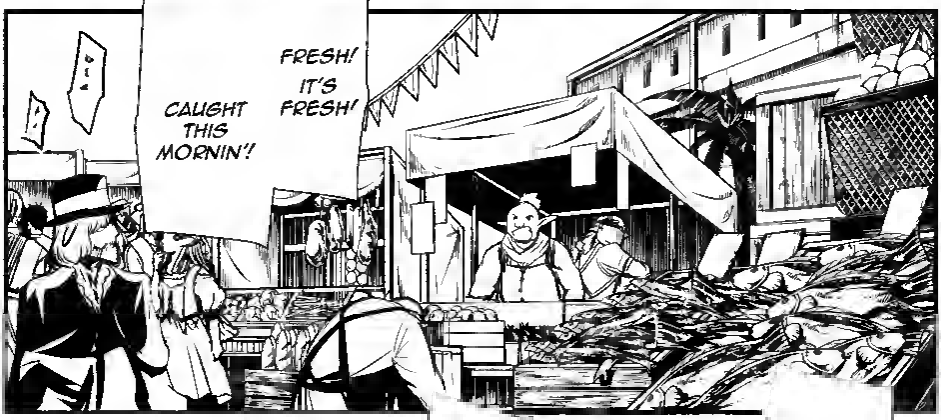
KRRRR
!!
LADY DAKRIS!
step
DON'T MOVE
4
FILTHY, REVOLTING CORPSE-EATER...
I'M AWARE
DID YOU KNOW?
MY POISON KILLS GIANTS.
CLEVER GIRL.
HRRR

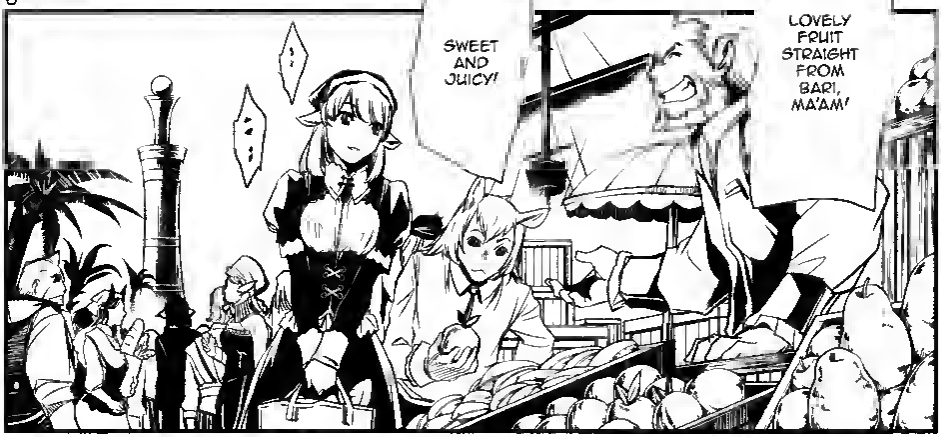
GOVERNOR GENERAL BRED HAS A REQUEST
...SOLDIER OF DHALA.
THEN YOU MAY SPEAK...

A KILL.

HRRR
SPEAK MORE.
HE'LL PAY TWICE YOUR USUAL FEE.
drool


Suriyah
Port city in southern Datra


FRESH! IT'S FRESH!
CAUGHT THIS MORNIN'!


SWEET AND JUICY!
LOVELY FRUIT STRAIGHT FROM BARI, MA'AM!

WHOA
THIS PLACE IS PACKED!
SURIYAH IS A DATRAN PORT TOWN...
...AND A CENTER OF COMMERCE
PRODUCTS FROM THE ADAAR INLAND ARE BROUGHT HERE...
...AND EXPORTED TO THE RUUR REGION
ADAAR, THAT'S WHERE SAKURA'S FROM, RIGHT?
WHAT DO THEY SELL?
SPICES AND RARE METALS, MOSTLY
ADAAR IS FAMOUS FOR ITS GOLD AND ORICHALCUM

GOLD...?
COME TO THINK OF IT, SAKURA IS WEARING A LOT OF JEWELRY AND STUFF...
I MEAN, ALL IN ALL, IT MUST BE WORTH A FORTUNE!
huh
gleam
PLEASE KEEP YOUR GREEDY EYES OFF OF ME!
HUH?!
N-NO, I DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING BY IT!
I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW THAT IN ADAAR—
—IT'S CUSTOMARY FOR PEOPLE TO WEAR ADORNMENTS TO SHOW WHERE THEY STAND!
SO THERE!
blll
huh

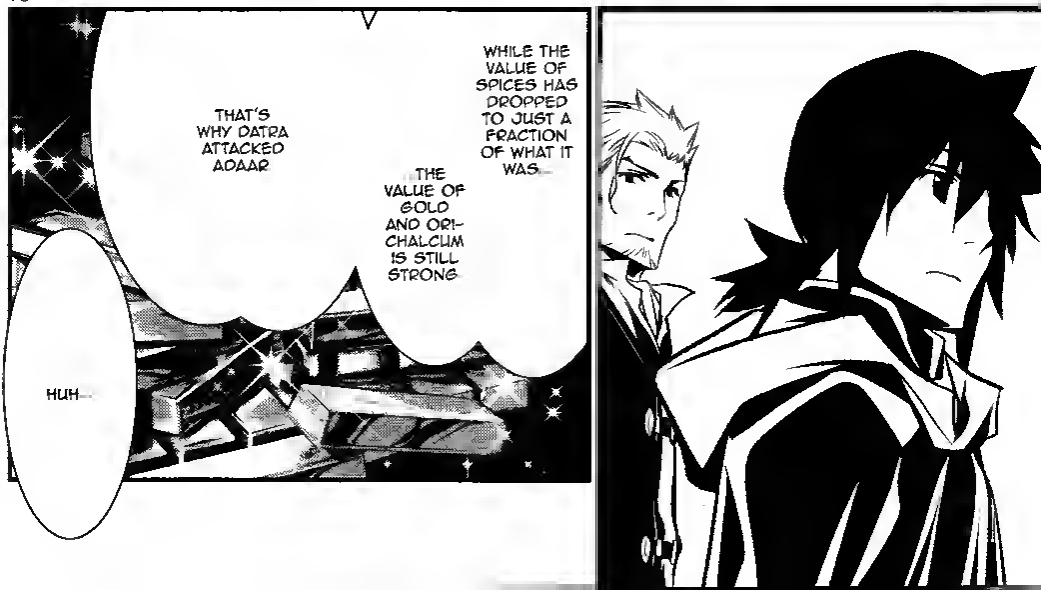
gaah...!
YEAH, I JUST...
I'VE NEVER REALLY TALKED TO A GIRL IN MY LIFE, SO I...
YOU KNOW, I THINK SHE'S STILL UPSET WITH YOU...

I MEAN, I JUST KEEP MESSING UP AROUND HER...

WELL...
DON'T BE TOO HARD ON YOURSELF, OR SAKURA
SHE ISN'T USED TO HAVING MEN AROUND, EITHER
pat

BUT I HAVE TO SAY, COMPARED TO THE DAYS AFTER WE ESCAPED FROM ADAAR...
...SHE'S A LOT LIVELIER NOW.
THAT CAN'T BE A BAD THING

THAT'S RIGHT.
SHE SAID HER PARENTS AND SISTER WERE KILLED OR WENT MISSING
SHE'S BEEN THROUGH STUFF I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE


WHILE THE VALUE OF SPICES HAS DROPPED TO JUST A FRACTION OF WHAT IT WAS...
THE VALUE OF GOLD AND ORICHALCUM IS STILL STRONG
THAT'S WHY DATRA ATTACKED ADAAR
HUH...

DESPITE THE WEIRDLY MODERN TECHNOLOGY THEY HAVE, LIKE GUNS AND EVEN CARS
BUT IT'S A REAL WORLD, WITH REAL WORLD PROBLEMS
SO THEY GO TO WAR OVER MONEY AND RESOURCES HERE TOO...
IT'D BE EASY TO THINK THIS IS SOME KIND OF MAKE-BELIEVE FANTASY WORLD WHERE EVERYTHING'S SIMPLE...
clink
shuffle
IS THAT... ARE THEY...?

THE MORE ADVANCED NATIONS HAVE STARTED TO ABOLISH SLAVERY...
SLAVES

BUT IN THE LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, SLAVES ARE STILL AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE WORK-FORCE.
IT'S HARD TO GET RID OF.
WHACK

FUCK!
HELP!
RUN-AWAY SLAVE!
LIKE I SAID

RUSH
SOME-
BODY
GET
HER!

SLAP
TOF
TOF
TOF
TOF
TOF

TOO BAD FOR YOU
LEOPARD GIRL, IS IT?
choke
THUD
AAH!

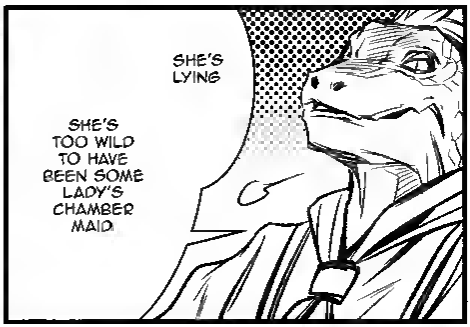
haah...!
YOU...
YOU GOT HER!
haah!
GOOD!
SNAP

WHACK
WHIP
AND YOU!
YOU'RE WASTING TIME!
AND EFFORT!
...YOUR DAMN PLACE!
SMACK
STOMP
YOU NEED TO LEARN...

GOOD SIR!
I SELL GIRLS TO BROTHELS
BUT THIS ONE, SHE'S A TROUBLE-MAKER!
THEY WON'T BUY HER!

BUT SHE'S NOT ENTIRELY USELESS!
SHE WAS A WORKER AT THE HIGH COURT OF ADAAR, OR SO SHE CLAIMS
SO, CAN I INTEREST YOU IN A SERVANT GIRL?

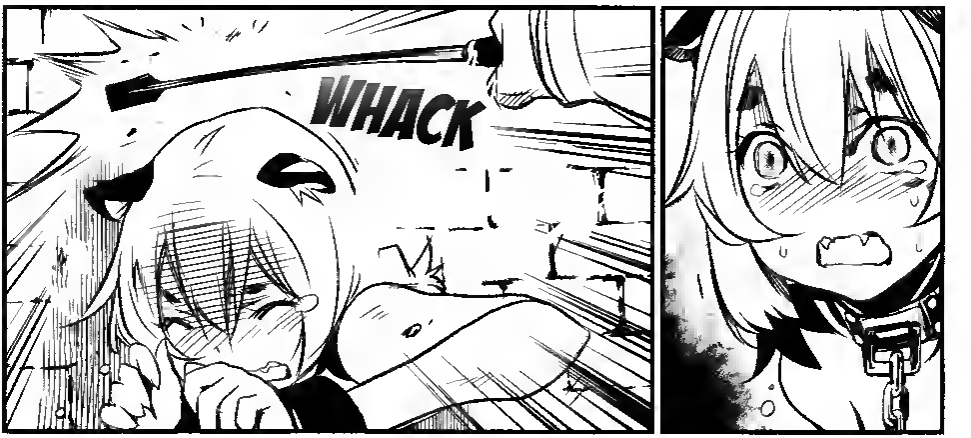
FRRRRR
IS THE GOOD SIR RIGHT?
HAVE YOU LIED TO ME?
HMM?
Stroke

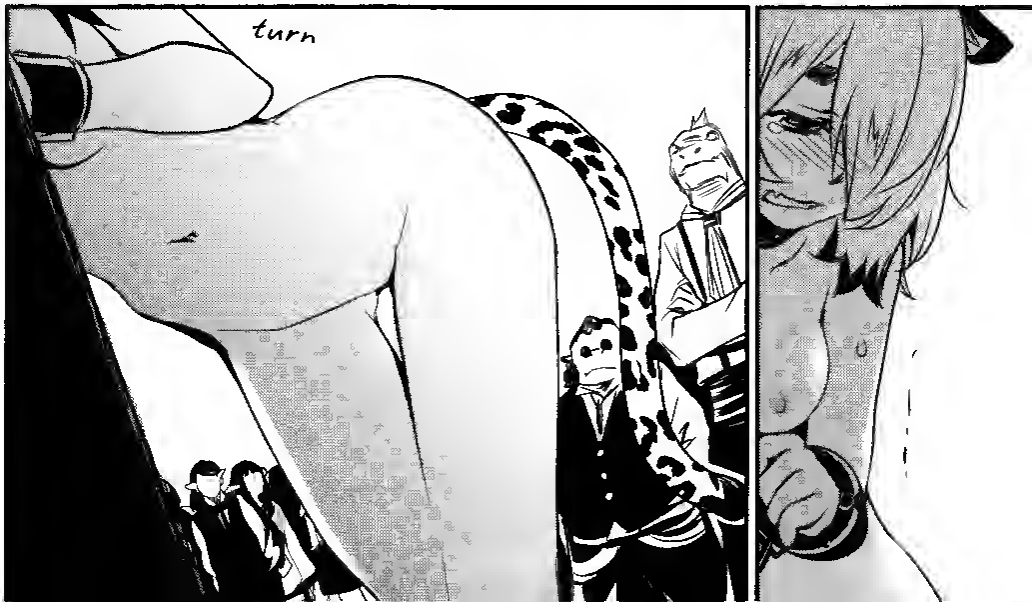

SHE'S LYING
SHE'S TOO WILD TO HAVE BEEN SOME LADY'S CHAMBER MAID

YOU DON'T! TALK BACK! IN FRONT! OF CLIENTS!
WHAP THWACK WHACK
I HAVE SKILLS! I WAS TRAINED!
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING!
I'M NOT SOME BORN-TO-BE SLAVE, PICKED UP FROM THE GUTTER!

RRRR
NOW STRIP!
OF COURSE!
YOU HEARD HIM
up.
up!
yank
...I'LL HAVE TO INSPECT HER FIRST
IN ANY CASE, IF I'M BUYING HER...
flap

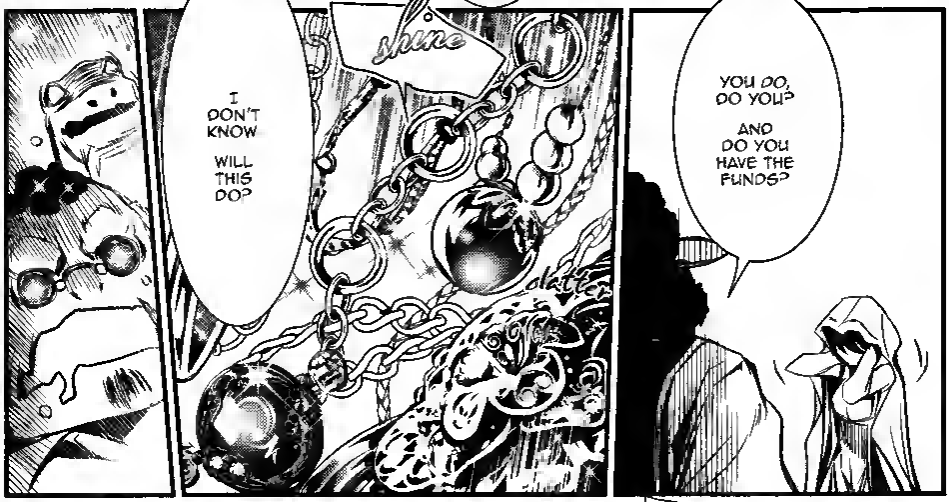
I WANT TO SEE THE HIND PART TOO
TURN AROUND
BEND OVER
JOLT


WHACK


turn

WAIT!
step

SAKURA
I WANT TO BUY THIS GIRL
!!


I DON'T KNOW
WILL THIS DO?
shine
YOU DO, DO YOU?
AND DO YOU HAVE THE FUNDS?

BUT...
FORGIVE ME...
HEY! SAKURA!
grab

I CAN'T JUST TURN MY BACK!
IF THIS GIRL IS FROM ADAAR...
21
UM...
UH, LADY?
DON'T YOU GET THAT?!
THIS IS NOT THE TIME FOR CHARITY WORK, SAKURA!
GUH...
AHA!
QUITE...
AHAHA!
QUITE RIGHT!
A HA HA HA HA!
TOF TOF TOF TOF
YOU FUCKING DARE?!
SHE JUST GAVE YOU MORE THAN ENOUGH TO BUY AN ARMY OF CELIANTHROPE GIRLS!
TO TELL THE TRUTH, THIS GIRL IS...
SO, IF POSSI-BLE...
...QUITE EXPENSIVE, YES...!
eh,eh,e

YOU'RE FREE NOW!
ARE YOU HURT?

...!!
IS IT TRUE, WHAT YOU SAID?
THAT YOU WERE A MAID AT THE HIGH COURT OF ADAAR?!

WHY...
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?

fold

THE PRINCESS, KASHA?!
DID YOU SEE HER?!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HER?!
DO YOU KNOW IF SOMEONE ELSE WAS TAKEN?!
PLEASE TELL ME!
23
YOU CAN'T BE—
ARE YOU REALLY FROM ADAAR?!
H-HOLD ON...
I DON'T KNOW!
I CAN'T HELP YOU!
PLEASE, I'M BEGGING YOU!

I.
I LIED, OKAY?!
I ONLY SAID I WAS A MAID!
BECAUSE SLAVES WITH SKILLS ARE WORTH MORE...
SO THEY'RE SOLD TO NICER PLACES!

I...
I SEE...
THE ADAARI ARE A PROUD PEOPLE...
TO WHOM SLAVERY IS WORSE THAN DEATH
BUT YOU'RE NOT ADAARI, SO DESPITE EVERYTHING YOU MUST HAVE SUFFERED...
AT LEAST YOU WERE SPARED FROM HAVING THAT ADDED TO YOUR BURDEN.
I'M GLAD!

...
YOU'RE FREE NOW!
OH, NOT AT ALL!
AND AS I SAID...
YOU...
AREN'T YOU ANGRY?

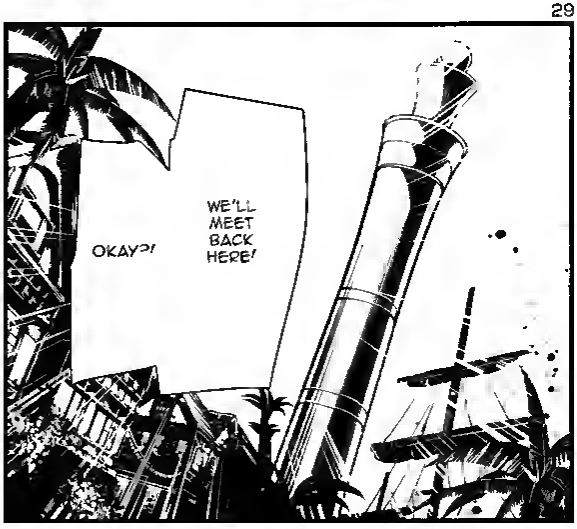
I'M SORRY IT DIDN'T TURN OUT THE WAY YOU HOPED...
...BUT AT LEAST SHE'S FREE!
YOU DID A GOOD THING.
NO, THAT...
...WAS A SENSELESS AND IRRESPONSIBLE WASTE!
AND WHAT'S MORE...
THE PRICELESS JEWELRY YOU JUST HANDED OUT LIKE TRINKETS...
SOMEONE WILL RECOGNIZE THE ROYAL DESIGN, AND THEN OUR ENEMIES WILL KNOW EXACTLY WHO'S HERE

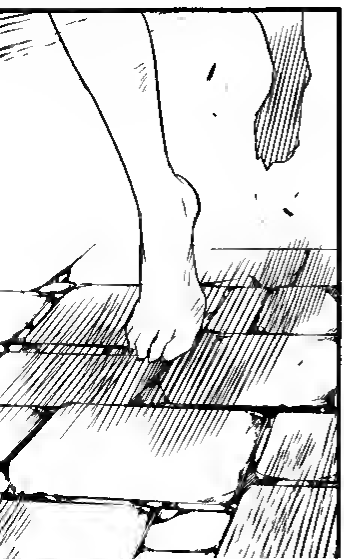
SAKURA
ARE YOU REALLY NOT AWARE OF THE SITUATION WE'RE IN?
...
26
YOUR LITTLE ACTS OF KINDNESS ARE USELESS TO US HERE.
WORSE THAN USE-LESS.
THEY'RE DANGEROUS.
GREY
COME ON, DON'T SAY IT LIKE THAT.
I APOLO-GIZE.
HONORED HUSBAND OF MY KIN.
SAKURA ?

AS LONG AS YOU UNDER-STAND
NOW LET'S KEEP MOVING
BUT
I COULDN'T LET THIS CHANCE PASS US BY
PLEASE, FORGIVE ME
HEY, SAKURA!
I'LL BE BACK SOON!
SAKURA!
JUST
GIVE ME A MOMENT
PLEASE
SAKURA
CLEAR THE WAY!
RRRUMBLE
CLEAR THE WAY!!
CLATTER

KAI!
COME ON!
WE HAVE TO FIND HER!
I THINK YOU REALLY HURT HER
GREY, WHAT YOU JUST SAID TO HER
I KNOW, BUT I HAD TO MAKE HER SEE REASON
THAT GIRL CANNOT WASTE OUR TIME AND MONEY ON EVERY LITTLE STRAY CAT SHE SEES
BUT IT'S NOT A WASTE!
BEING KIND AND HELPING PEOPLE WHO ARE HURT OR IN TROUBLE...
THAT'S A GOOD THING!

OF COURSE IT IS!
BUT IN A PLACE LIKE THIS, KINDNESS WILL GET US NOTICED AND THEN IT'LL GET US KILLED!
NOT NOW, KAI!
WE HAVE TO FIND HER!
BUT


WE'LL MEET BACK HERE!
OKAY?!

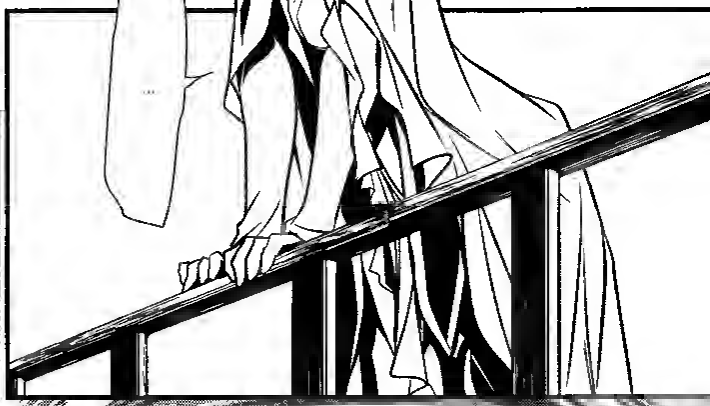


TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT OUT OF NOWHERE
IS SHE STUPID?!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER?!
THAT GIRL

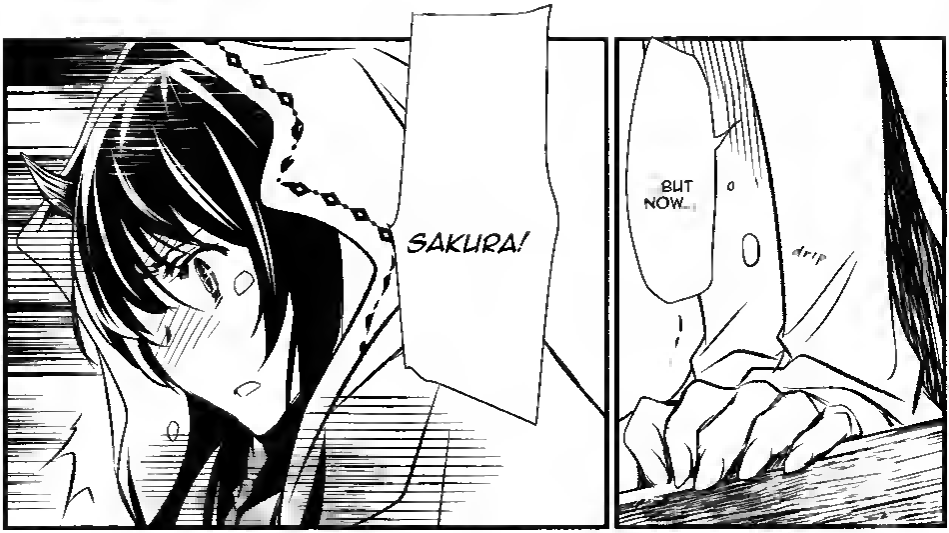
I'LL NEVER BE CAUGHT AGAIN!
I'LL—
BUT-I'M FREE NOW—
AND I'LL NEVER STOP RUNNING!

...

I UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION WE'RE IN HERE, I DO...
BUT GREY TALKING TO SAKURA LIKE THAT WON'T MAKE ANYTHING BETTER!
BUMP
HEY!
WATCH WHERE YER GOIN', HAG!
!!
OH!
OH, DEAR
EXCUSE ME...
ARE YOU OKAY?
clench

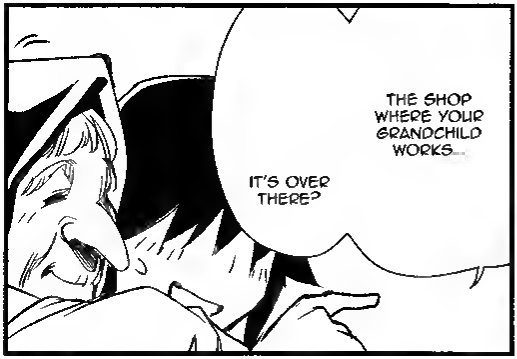

...

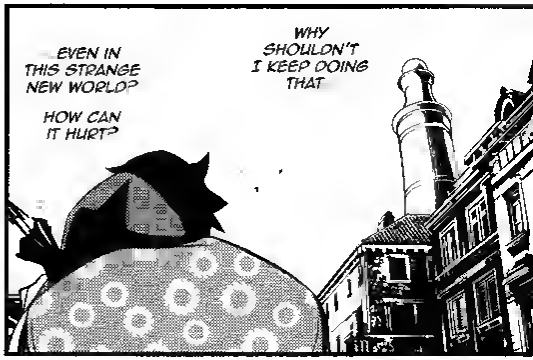
MOTHER...
FATHER...
SISTER...
FATHER...
YOU TOLD ME TO ALWAYS BE KIND...


SAKURA!
BUT NOW...
drip

GREY...
IS THIS THE KIND OF THING HE WAS TALKING ABOUT?
DON'T WORRY!
AND IT'S NO BOTHER, MA'AM!
ARE YOU SURE?
I DON'T WANT TO BE A BOTHER...

...AND HELPING THOSE WHO NEED IT...
IT'S THE ONE THING I'M GOOD AT
BUT LOOKING OUT FOR OTHERS


THE SHOP WHERE YOUR GRANDCHILD WORKS...
IT'S OVER THERE?


EVEN IN THIS STRANGE NEW WORLD?
HOW CAN IT HURT?
WHY SHOULDN'T I KEEP DOING THAT

WHO'S THIS?

GREY...

SHE WAS HURT IN THE STREET, SO I HAD TO HELP HER
I'M TAKING HER TO HER GRANDCHILD

OH, I'M SORRY TO BE SUCH A BOTHER...
...BUT HE'S SUCH A NICE YOUNG MAN!
I TRULY MEAN IT!
THANK YOU KINDLY!

INDEED, I APPRECIATE YOUR HELP...
...MORE THAN YOU'LL KNOW.

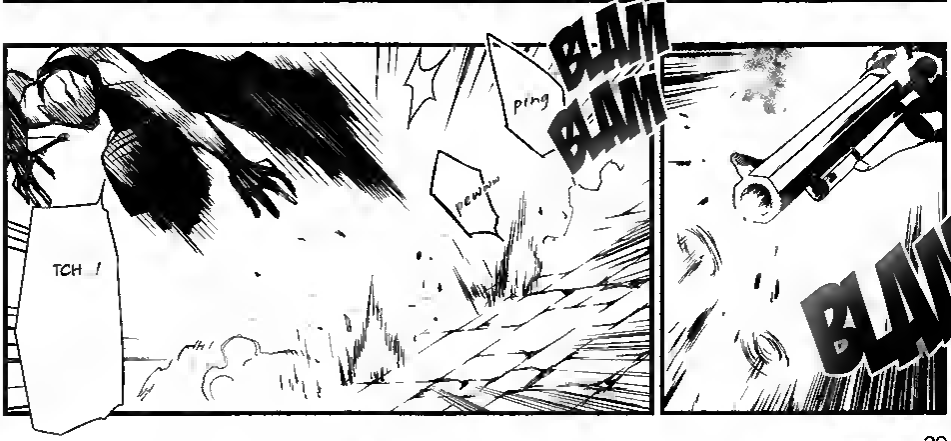
!!
flick

KRRRR
FOR YOU HAVE CARRIED ME...
leap
...RIGHT UP TO MY PREY!
KH...!!
SSSSSS
THK
KRAK
SLASH

THOK
durrrp
HRRR...
TOO LATE!
CLITTER
THK
...!!
...KILLS GIANTS!
MY POISON...

YOU'RE A GHOUL, HUH?
slump
NO!
GREY...!
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING
!!

KRRRR
PRINCESS OF ADAAR...
I HAVE YOU NOW!


TCH...!
ping
pew
BLAM BLAM
BLAM

BUT—
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!

LISTEN TO ME!
WE BOTH HAVE THINGS WE NEED TO DO!
MINE IS TO STAY HERE!
HEED HIM..
...FOOL THOUGH HE IS.

...!!
I SWEAR...
HOW IS IT THAT THOU AND SAKURA BOTH...
...HAST YET TO UNDERSTAND YOUR PROPER ROLES?
THOU OUGHT TO KNOW BY NOW...
...THAT ONLY ONE OF YOU CAN BE KIND AND GENTLE
LEAVE THAT TO THE PRETTY ONE
THOU...
...HAST ANOTHER PART TO PLAY!

YOU MEAN I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO HELP?!
THAT IT'S NOT MY PLACE ?
PRECISELY.
NOW, SERVANT, GROVEL AND WEEP AS THOU WILT...
...BUT STILL THOU KNOWEST THE TRUTH...
SO...

...RISE!
THEN LIFT THINE EYES...
...AND FIGHT!
AND ACCEPT AT LONG LAST THAT THOU ART IN THIS WORLD...
...FOR ONE REASON...
...AND ONE REASON ONLY!
KAI
SAKURA

HELP..
..HER.
I WILL!

SHINJU NO NECTAR
NECTAR OF DHARANI

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